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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JAMES J. BENEDICT ET AL.

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BYPASS

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 16, 2004**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$1020 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time.

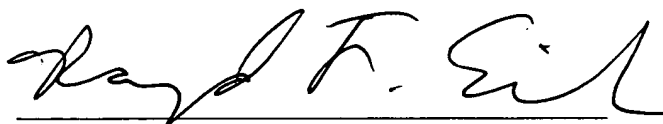
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Respectfully submitted,

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